



## *Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church*

Religious Education Program  
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July 15, 2019

Dear Candidate,

You and your parents are journeying towards the third sacrament of initiation into the Catholic Church, Confirmation. The parish eagerly awaits your answer to God's call to discover your special talents and use the gifts of the Holy Spirit for your personal spiritual growth and the building up of the Holy Rosary Parish.

Your parents, godparents, teachers, priests and members of the parish support you and pray for you that you will grow and bloom in the spiritual life. The ongoing power of the Holy Spirit will make you a better person.

What you are is God's gift to you. What you become is your gift to God.

This packet of materials will assist you in your preparation. Please respect all aspects of the packet and adhere to the due dates. You may turn in their paperwork on or before the specified due dates.

Sincerely,

*Msgr. Edward Barry*

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**The Sacrament of Confirmation  
will be conferred on  
Saturday – June 20, 2020  
10:30 a.m. Mass**

**Celebrant: Most Rev. Gerald T. Walsh, D.D.**

**Six tickets** will be given to each Candidate for the day of Confirmation. *Candidates and Sponsors are exempt from needing a ticket.*

Confirmation Candidates and their Sponsors will be in reserved seating together. Seating will be on a first come basis; pews may not be reserved by families. Saving seats is not permitted and should not be necessary.

On the day of the Confirmation, church doors will open at **9:45 a.m.**

## CONFIRMATION IMPORTANT DATES AND CHECKLIST

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

<b>March 11, 2020</b> (Wednesday)	Community Service Certificate Night (6:30 p.m.)
<b>March 13, 2020</b> (Friday)	Confirmation Retreat
<b>Week of April 26, 2020</b> (Sun. 26 <sup>th</sup> , Wed. 29 <sup>th</sup> , Thur. 30 <sup>th</sup> )	Final Assessment
<b>June 19, 2020</b> (Friday)	Candidate/Sponsor Confirmation Practice in Church (6:00 p.m.)

### FORMS AND REPORTS

Return completed forms and reports on or before due dates to the Religious Education Office.

<b>Week of October 20, 2019</b> (Sun. 20 <sup>th</sup> , Wed. 23 <sup>rd</sup> , Thur. 24 <sup>th</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Candidates Agreement <input type="checkbox"/> Retreat Permission Slip
<b>Week of December 1, 2019</b> (Sun. 1 <sup>st</sup> , Wed. 4 <sup>th</sup> , Thur. 5 <sup>th</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Saint Report <input type="checkbox"/> Reflection on the First Confirmation Ceremony Report
<b>Week of February 9, 2020</b> (Sun. 9 <sup>th</sup> , Wed. 12 <sup>th</sup> , Thur. 13 <sup>th</sup> )	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Information Card <input type="checkbox"/> Sponsor Certificate
<b>March 9, 2020</b> (Monday)	<input type="checkbox"/> Confirmation Service Hours (25 hours) Report forms

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AGREEMENT

**DUE: Week of October 20, 2019**  
(Sun. 20<sup>th</sup>, Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thurs. 24<sup>th</sup>)

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to complete the following  
(Student Name)  
requirements necessary to be suitably prepared to receive the Holy Spirit freely and knowingly in  
the **Sacrament of Confirmation on Saturday, June 20, 2020 - 10:30 a.m. Mass:**

Attend and complete the following by due dates outlined in this packet:

- Community Service Certificate Night
- Confirmation Retreat
- Final Assessment
- Candidate/Sponsor Confirmation Practice in Church

Return and complete the following by due dates outlined in this packet:

- Confirmation Candidates Agreement
- Retreat Permission Slip
- Saint Report
- Reflection on the First Confirmation Ceremony Report
- Confirmation Information Card
- Sponsor Certificate
- Confirmation Service Hours (25 hours) Report forms

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have seen, read and understand what is  
(Parent Name)  
expected of my child. I will make sure my child attends and or completes what is expected.

We also understand by not completing and or attending the requirements, it may postpone the  
Sacrament of Confirmation to a future date.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student Signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Signature

# **CONFIRMATION RETREAT**

(MANDATORY)

On **Friday, March 13, 2020**, we have planned a retreat day given by the Pallottine Teenage Federation for students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The children will be bussed from Holy Rosary School to the Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center located at 23 Resident Road, Monroe, NY 10950.

Students should report to Holy Rosary School no later than **7:45 a.m.**, for attendance and last-minute instructions.

Westlake & Valhalla Middle Schools have been notified.

This retreat is an opportunity for the candidates to spend quiet time in a calm setting. Reflecting upon the sacrament they are planning to receive. The day will be filled with activities that will teach, inspire and be fun.

The cost for this trip is already included in the Confirmation Expense Fee of **\$75.00**. Lunch will be provided. If you have a food allergy, please let the office know. You may brown bag your lunch. (Please note if you did not pay the Sacrament fee at registration, please do so at this time).

Please complete the attached Parental Permission Form and return to the Religious Education office.

## **The itinerary for the day is as follows:**

- 8:00 a.m.      Buses leave Holy Rosary School
- 9:00 a.m.      Arrival at Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center
- 2:00 p.m.      Buses leave Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center
- 3:00 p.m.      Approximate return time of buses to Holy Rosary School

## RETREAT PERMISSION SLIP

DUE: Week of October 20, 2019  
(Sun. 20<sup>th</sup>, Wed. 23<sup>rd</sup>, Thur. 24<sup>th</sup>)

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

I hereby give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
to attend and participate in the activities connected with the Holy Rosary Parish Confirmation  
retreat trip to:

**Vincent Pallotti Retreat Center**  
**23 Resident Road**  
**Monroe, NY 10950**

To be held on **Friday March 13, 2020**. I will provide for the transportation between my home  
and the parish premises.

I understand that transportation from the parish premises to the destination of the trip will be  
provided by **bus**. I understand that my child will leave the parish premises at **8:00 a.m.** and  
return to the parish premises at approximately **3:00 p.m.**

I understand that the Parish personnel will take reasonable precautions against accident, personal  
injury and loss of, or damage to, property while going to, from and the site of the trip, but the  
Archdiocese of New York and Holy Rosary Parish are to be held harmless for any legal liability  
for such occurrences.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Print Name of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Parent or Guardian

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone

## CONFIRMATION SERVICE HOURS – DESCRIPTION

All Confirmation Candidates are required to perform a minimum 25 hours of service by helping people in need.

- Verification and description of services performed helping a person, and the hours completed, must be signed by a supervising adult.
- Report Forms (detailing the 25 hours of service) are due March 9, 2020.

Please note - sibling babysitting, house cleaning (student's own home), sports related and coaching, and assisting at animal shelters, while commendable, **are not** considered Confirmation Service hours.

You may choose some of the examples provided below from the three categories listed, and, complete the number of hours in each category.

**If the service is not on this list, but you believe it may be appropriate, please call the Religious Education office to confirm the service meets the requirements.**



### **FAMILY/NEIGHBOR - 5 HOURS**

*Examples may include but are not limited to:*

- Assist a relative or neighbor in need, such as helping to rake leaves, shovel snow, cleaning, babysitting (siblings not included).
- Spend time visiting a relative/friend in a nursing home.



### **CHURCH ACTIVITIES - 10 HOURS**

*Examples may include but are not limited to:*

- Volunteer for projects at Holy Rosary Church, such as helping the Religious Education Program, Vacation Bible School, Parish picnic, Craft Fair, Christmas Project, Movie Night Fundraiser, Pancake Breakfast, Midnight Run, Altar Server, join Youth or Bell Choir, etc.
- Volunteer as a Catechist aide and assist in sharing your faith with other students.



### **COMMUNITY - 10 HOURS**

*Examples may include but are not limited to:*

- Tutor a younger child.
- Help special needs children.
- Volunteer in a hospital, nursing home, senior care, Rosary Hill Home or Cabrini Nursing Home, or hospices.
- Help at a senior citizen center.
- Volunteer at a local food pantry.
- Assist at the Special Olympics.
- Volunteer with Knights of Columbus.
- Volunteer at fund raising events to help people that are in need.
- Volunteer for American Red Cross, American Cancer Society, Blythdale Children's Hospital, or other similar organizations.
- Volunteer to work with other Christian Communities for the purpose of learning what our faith has in common with Christians.









# REPORTS

**DUE: Week of December 1, 2019**  
(Sun. 1<sup>st</sup>, Wed. 4<sup>th</sup>, Thur. 5<sup>th</sup>)

The reports may be typed or handwritten; should not be longer than two paragraphs.

## 1. SAINT REPORT

Each candidate is required to write a report on the Saint whose name you selected for Confirmation. You may select the name given at Baptism or pick a new name.

Saints are people who loved God and one another very much. They did what God wanted them to do during their life on earth. Saints are examples of us.

You should give thought to your selection; the Saint you choose should be seen as a protector and role model; someone you would like to imitate. The Saint's name you choose to write your report on will appear on the Confirmation Information card and will be the name used on Confirmation Day.

**The report should include the following:**

- The Saint's picture.
- Date, place of birth and death.
- Describe the challenges, holiness and charitable works of your Saint that are a source of inspiration.
- What have you learned about your patron saint that you personally desire to imitate? What qualities you would like to have as your own? Why? Are there any ways that you are already similar to him/her?
- Include a list of the resources from which you obtained your information (web site, book, etc.).

Here are some resources to help you get started:

[www.americancatholic.org](http://www.americancatholic.org)

[www.catholic.org/saints](http://www.catholic.org/saints)

[www.ewtn.com/saintsholy](http://www.ewtn.com/saintsholy)

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## 2. REFLECTION ON THE FIRST CONFIRMATION CEREMONY REPORT

Using Acts 2 of a Catholic Bible as your source, write a one-page report in your own words about the First Confirmation ceremony in the early Church.

Include reflection of how you think the Holy Spirit will work in your life after you are confirmed.

## CONFIRMATION INFORMATION CARD

(PLEASE COMPLETE BOTH SECTIONS)

**DUE: Week of February 9, 2020**  
(Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed. 12<sup>th</sup>, Thur. 13<sup>th</sup>)

Candidate's Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please write your first, middle and last name)

Candidate's Name Selected for confirmation from Saint Report:

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

### NOTIFICATION FORM TO CHURCH OF BAPTISM

Church of Confirmation: Holy Rosary Parish  
170 Bradhurst Avenue  
Hawthorne, NY 10532

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's Date of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

*Confirmed by: Most Rev. Gerald T. Walsh, D.D. - June 20, 2020*

## THE ROLE OF A SPONSOR

### Sponsors:

- Know and support the person to be confirmed in their commitment to be active witnesses to Christ in the world.
- Be willing to serve as a strong and long-lasting Christian influence on the candidate.
- Must be a registered member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out the role and be fully initiated themselves, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. May be either male or female for any candidate.
- Should be sufficiently mature in their own faith commitment, a model on how a person of faith lives in today's world.
- Share with the parents the responsibility of handing on the faith.
- Must be reasonably informed on current church teachings. A continuous learner who is interested in her/his faith development as she/he walks in the faith journey of the candidate.
- May not be the parents of the one being Confirmed.  
A mentor who will continue after the day of Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the confirmed into fuller participation in parish life and service to all God's people.

*Candidates, please give a copy of this document to your Sponsor.*

**HOLY ROSARY PARISH**  
170 Bradhurst Avenue  
Hawthorne, New York 10532  
914-769-0030 ext. 123

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATE  
FOR CONFIRMATION TESTIMONIAL STATEMENT**

**DUE: Week of February 9, 2020**  
(Sun. 9<sup>th</sup>, Wed. 12<sup>th</sup>, Thur. 13<sup>th</sup>)

**TO THE PASTOR:**

I have been asked to accept the responsibility of being a sponsor for the Sacrament of Confirmation. I know that, together with the parents, I am to profess the Faith of the Roman Catholic Church in order to carry out by proper liturgical function, I understand that a sponsor needs:

1. to be a registered member of the Catholic Church, canonically free to carry out this role; a practicing Roman Catholic registered in his/her local parish when they no longer live full time at home; college students should register at the chapel on their college campus.
2. to be a mature enough to undertake this responsibility, Church law specifies a sponsor should be sixteen years old;
3. to have received all three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Holy Eucharist and Confirmation;
4. to be someone who can share with the parents the task of handing on the Faith;
5. to be someone other than the father or mother of the one to be Confirmed.

**This Is To Certify**

**Sponsor Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

is a member of this parish and to my knowledge is a Catholic qualified to act as a sponsor for the Sacrament of Baptism and Confirmation and as a Witness for the Sacrament of Matrimony.

Church \_\_\_\_\_

Church Address \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Priest Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

I wish to be a sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_ who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Full Name (Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor Signature

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Church Seal